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Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/026,467
Docket No.: No.49

Dear Examiner Prunner:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116 in response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 5, 2005, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,


James E. Howard

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hidehei Kageyama et al.

Serial No.: 10/026,467 **Group Art Unit:** 3751

Filed: December 27, 2001 **Examiner:** Prunner, Kathleen

For: COMPOSITE HOLDING DEVICE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1, 4-23, and 25-27 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 6, 9, and 20 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1, 6, 11, 14, and 16-20 are independent.